

**Questions for Judge Michael Nash**  
**Director, Los Angeles County Office of Child Protection**  
**For August 3, 2016 Probation Oversight Commission Working Group**

1. Ideally, what role do you think the Courts can and should play in improving oversight over the Los Angeles County Probation Department?
2. As we work to develop a new Probation Oversight Commission, do you have any specific thoughts or recommendations you would offer with respect to juveniles? With respect to transition age youth? With respect to adults?
3. Now that the Office of Child Protection is up and running, what, if any, changes have you seen in the roles and responsibilities of the Services Integration Branch (SIB)?
4. Over the last few months, we have heard significant concern from numerous individuals and professionals who work directly or indirectly with Probation and probationers that the number of disparate and siloed agencies, commissions, and oversight entities that fail to communicate leads to dysfunction and a lack of accountability within the Probation Department. What, if any, role do you think a new Oversight Commission might have in promoting greater communication and helping to break down these silos?
5. In April, we received an update of Probation's field services population and learned that 2,723 youth are on "active investigation." We further learned that these 2,723 youth have cases pending disposition / pre-adjudication.
  - a. To what extent do you think the pre-plea report system in Los Angeles contributes to the high number of youth on "active investigation" probation supervision?

- b. Are all cases that are open in juvenile court considered under “active investigation”?
  - c. Does the high number of youth under probation supervision prior to adjudication concern you?
  - d. What solutions might you recommend to address these issue?
- 6. Does the increasing number of 236 cases on probation caseloads concern you in any way? Please explain.
- 7. Based on your previous experience and expertise as Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles County Juvenile Court, do you think the juvenile courts have sufficient (or any) involvement in oversight over Juvenile Probation? What, if any, interactions did you (or, to your knowledge, other juvenile court judges) have with civilian bodies tasked with providing oversight over Juvenile Probation?
- 8. When reports, audits, findings, and recommendations are made in relation to the WIC 209 and California Title 15 Sec 1313 (e) requirement for the juvenile courts to inspect and evaluate juvenile detention/residential facilities, who under the courts' supervision conducts inspections of these facilities? Do you receive any information about these reports or inspections or information about the conditions of juvenile facilities as director of OCP?
- 9. What, if any, additional recommendations for improvement of oversight for the Los Angeles County Probation Department would you suggest?